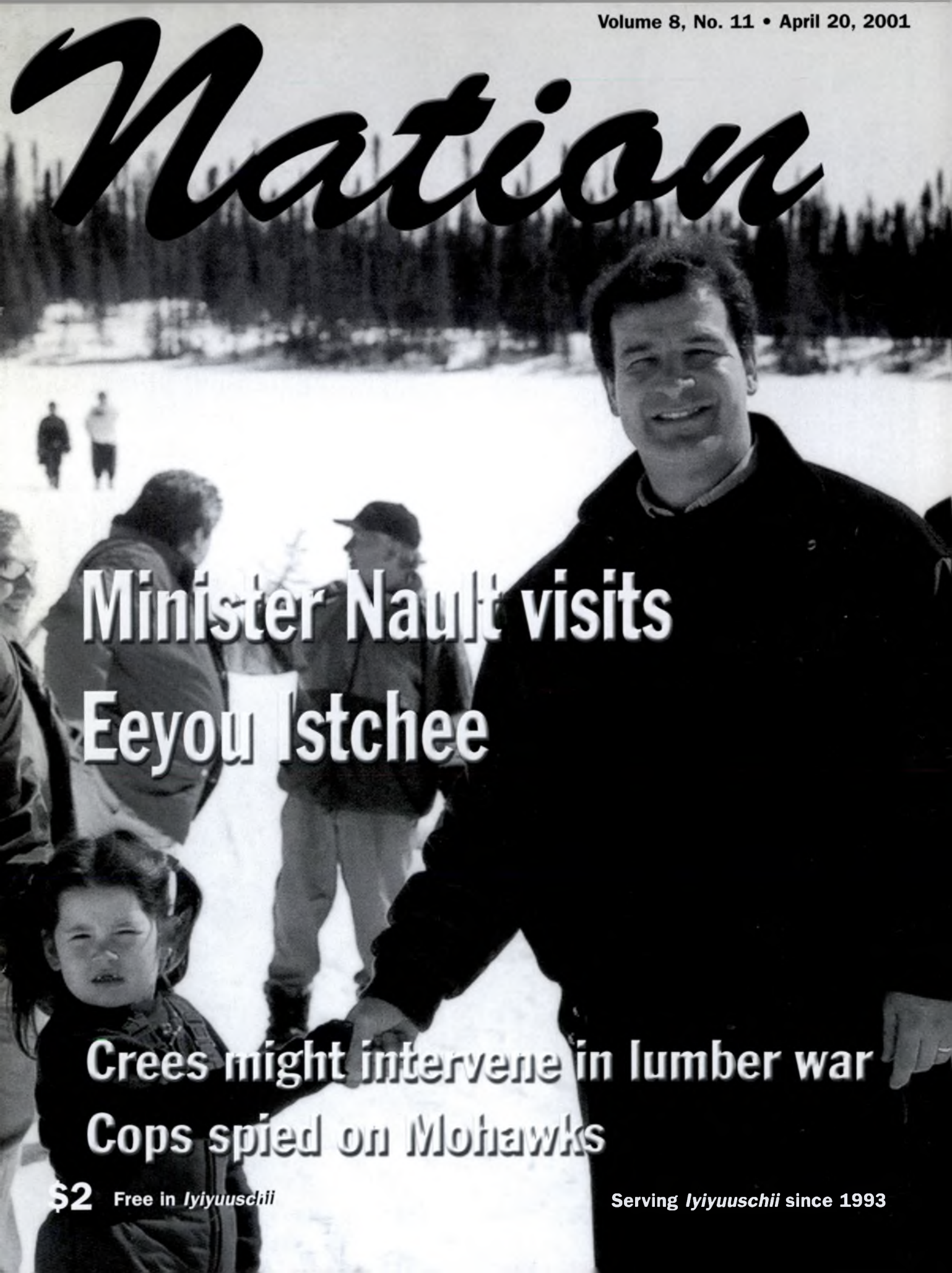


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"They want our water. They want our energy. They want whatever they need" "That's Free Trade" complains Frank Dottori, as reported in the Montreal Gazette of Wednesday, April 11, 2001.

Déjà vu. Guess who said that a long time ago? Welcome to the real world, Canada! Aboriginal peoples have been dealing with this kind of problem since your ancestors washed up on these shores. But nobody listened to us. Why do you expect the world to listen to you now? As soon as Britain signed the Confrauderation papers, Canadians rushed out west in one of the biggest land grabs in world history. They kicked the Metis off their land where they were already farming. They starved the Plains Nations by killing millions of buffalo. They herded their victims into postage stamp sized prisons of grass and dumped a paltry collection of second rate agricultural implements on them, hoping they would all die. They filled up the land with hewers of wood and drawers of water enticed from the slums of Europe with promises of free land.

But the Aboriginal Peoples didn't do what they were supposed to do. We did not die and after stealing everything that the Aboriginal Nations owned, Canadians had the gall to complain that "Indians" weren't self-supporting.

There's a lesson in here, folks. How did the Europeans get kicked out of their homes in the first place? Why weren't Europeans self-supporting on their lands? Why did they want our land? Why did they want our water? Why did they want everything that gives us energy? Why did they swarm over here to filch what they thought they needed to live? Even at that time they knew what they were doing was wrong.

If Western technology is so great, why do Euro-Americans have to go around the world scavenging the treasures other people have because they are modest, conservative and know how to live in harmony with the land?

What is wrong with the American breed of Europeans that no piece of nature is good enough to support them? No matter how bountifully nature serves them, they want more.

by Kahn-Tineta Horn

They're always jealous of what other people have and their sticky fingers always find a way to take it. If they can't con people into giving it "voluntarily", they get out their guns and their hired guns to bully you into submission. They manipulate the media. They pass biased legislation, and resisters are dragged through their kangaroo courts. So how does it feel, Canada? Especially now that they are fencing off Quebec City to keep out the people and to make sure that you have no say in your future just as you gave us no say in ours. What's free trade about? It's about greed. It's about control. It's about letting the fat cats run free to grab more than their share. What are the people getting out of it? You say, "there's a fair amount of hypocrisy between what they say publicly and what they practice". Your darn tootin', Mr. Dottori, they're playing the same game with Canada that Canadians have been playing with Aboriginal People. If you want to know the future, look at the Aboriginal experience. They took total control of our lives - "in our best interest". We weren't allowed to leave our homes. They took our livelihood. They took our land and resources. They deposed our governments. They took our children. They controlled our money. They controlled our schools. They punished us for speaking our languages and for trying to do business. They made it illegal for us to hire lawyers. And they told the world they were benevolent. Canadians want their independent jurisdictions. We do too. We know how to do it. Cooperation without hegemony, that's possible, you know. If we really believe in equality, we can work together. But Canadians have to learn how to respect us first. Then maybe they will know to make the rest of the world respect them.

We've been waiting for hundreds of years to give advice. I hope you know by now we don't want to be dominated, manipulated, patronized or bullied by you or by anyone just as you don't want to be dominated, manipulated, patronized or bullied by the Americans or by governments pretending to act in your best interests. Onen

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Minister Nault presses teh flesh with Emily Blacksmith in the bush
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Petroleum vs Dog Chow

In the good old days, most people were slim and trim and in reasonably good health. Then along came good old Bombardier and Mercury who introduced the effortless mode of transportation: skidoos and outboard motors. This changed the lifestyle of many a northerner and young fold these days probably have never been on a dog team. Aahhh. The fine whine of a dog out back sure beats the roar of a four-forty all night by marauding teenagers looking for a good time. Although I remember many a fine moonlit night cruising for chicks in my twin cylinder élan; up and down, up and down the main road I'd go. These days you have to wear helmets and you're really not quite sure who's underneath that black shiny helmet when they ask if you want a ride. I'll have to admit it seemed a lot colder in the old days, too.

When dog teams were used, a different lifestyle was set in place. Feed the dogs once in a while during the summer using kakeyakow and cod mixed with oats by the gallon and served slop-over by the woodpile out back while readying them for winter by keeping them lean and mean. When the bitch was in heat, tie her out to attract wolves to get that extra chromosome of wilderness and ferocity was normal. Most dogs these days won't pass for huskies, too much outside influence from collies, chows, St. Bernards, and what have you, watering down the great husky lineage that goes back to the last ice age.

Explorers found dogs from Inukjuak to be especially durable and were used to go the both poles way back when getting there first was more important than having babies and carrying on your own lineage. Many a time was spent deliberating whether to lighten the load of equipment or eat a dog in the fierce sub-zero blizzards, which

happened quite often. These days, we'd probably freeze to death trying to gnaw a piece off the carburetor. Yep, them days were tough and these days we're not.

We've turned into a bunch of couch potatoes whose main action is to get up and change the channel or look for the remote when it's not nearby. The only ones using dog teams these days are adventurous tourists who come by and we gawk at them in wonder, trying hard to comprehend why someone would actually try to get about in that fashion. Times have changed my friends, when Pokemon games capitalize the TV set and catching the Stanley Cup finals means coming back to town every night from your camp driving top speed in your four-forty.

Maybe we should change back to the old lifestyles, maybe times were hard in the old days, but heck, we got satellite TV and generators, man. It means we don't have to drive back to town anymore to catch the finals. Get with the game, man.

As for staying in shape, try paddling or walking for a change, and feel some ache and pain, and try to imagine our ancestors doing all their physical wonders that would put an Olympic athlete in the hospital from sheer exhaustion. Go for a walk, get fit enough not to wheeze in the first mile or whine for a chair or rest. One year, I went walking with a man who was older than my grandfather and I was only twenty and I thought my legs would fall off by the time we reached the halfway point. While he quietly smoked his expertly rolled cigarette, I wished I had another lung and another day to recover and was nearly devastated when I found out we still had another eight hour walk over hills and creeks. Whew! Six weeks later, in Olympic form, we returned, much wiser and in the best shape we could be.

So, take a day to remember or imagine what our ancestors did in their spare time and realize that they had little or none and value their hard work, because without them we would not be enjoying the present day as much as we do.

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Lumber war by the numbers



CREES MIGHT INTERVENE IN TRADE BRAWL

The Grand Council of the Crees is considering intervening in the high-stakes Canada-U.S. trade war over softwood lumber.

Crees are considering filing an application for intervenor status in support of the U.S. Coalition for Fair Lumber Imports.

The coalition, which represents major U.S. timber companies, is accusing Canada of wiping out its own forests so it can flood America with dirt-cheap, heavily subsidized wood.

The U.S. firms say they can't compete and are being driven out of business.

The coalition has petitioned the U.S. Commerce Department for duties as high as 76 percent on Canadian wood. That could cost Canada \$8 billion a year.

The U.S. says Canadian wood gets lots of hidden subsidies, like poorly enforced and weak environmental rules and ultra-low stumpage fees (a kind of tax logging companies pay to cut on public land).

Crees identify another hidden subsidy: the fact that so much wood comes from First Nations land without the consent of Native people or any compensation.

"The federal government doesn't respect its treaty obligations, and that is a form of subsidy," said Bill Namagoose, executive director of the Grand Council.

"The fact that our treaty and Aboriginal rights are ignored and our culture and the environment are being destroyed is a form of subsidy."

Namagoose said Crees will probably file their intervention with the U.S. Commerce Dept. in

late April.

So far, environmental and First Nations issues haven't gotten a lot of attention in the trade dispute. Politicians and journalists have mostly focused on the angry diplomatic rhetoric and trade questions.

But many forestry experts say the Americans are right -- Canada's environmental protections are so poor they are like a subsidy. Our forests are so heavily over-exploited, they say, that Canada's \$19-billion forest-products industry could one day soon run out of quality trees and collapse like the Atlantic fishery. Some experts see the trade war as a blessing in disguise, hoping it sparks a needed debate.

"The Americans are right," said Pierre Dubois, a Quebec forestry engineer. "They are confirming what Canadian environmentalists have been saying."

Chief Arthur Manuel, spokesman of the B.C. Interior Alliance, agreed: "These trade subsidies are outrageous. They're illegal and unfair and the antithesis of free trade."

"The discourse has been limited to the big, bad Americans beating up on Canada again," said one Cree forestry expert. "The position taken by the government is that of the industry. There hasn't been any public discussion."

Luc Bouthillier, a forestry economist at Laval University, said Canada does worse than the U.S. in setting aside protected areas from development. The worst culprit is Quebec. Another problem -- especially in B.C. -- is low stumpage fees,

he said. "Those types of debates force us to improve."

by Alex Roslin

◆ Amount Quebec charges in stumpage fees per 1,000 board-feet of softwood: \$50 U.S.

◆ Amount charged across the border in New England: \$110.

◆ Amount B.C. charges: \$95 U.S.

◆ Amount in Washington state and Idaho: \$330.

◆ Amount Saskatchewan charges in stumpage fees: \$20.

◆ Amount charged across the border in Montana: \$200.

◆ Does the U.S. have endangered-species legislation: Yes.

◆ Does Canada: No.

◆ Percentage of B.C. Forests Ministry workers who said in a survey that their ministry does not have enough inspectors to monitor logging: 86.

◆ Percentage who said employee morale at the ministry is low: 87.

◆ Amount the B.C. government gets paid in fees for a truckload of softwood cut in public land: \$10.

◆ How many Quebecers wanted clear-cutting banned in a 1999 survey: 87 percent.

◆ How many said "the big forestry companies are pillaging the northern Quebec forests": three in four.

◆ What an internal 1998 Quebec Natural-Resources Ministry report said about whether logging is done sustainably: "The department is unable to state with any degree of certainty whether or not the sustainable yield is respected. Monitoring is deficient. Doubts have been expressed about existing control systems, which do not appear to give an accurate reflection of real timber harvests."

◆ Amount of logging in B.C. that is sustainable per year: 51 million metres³.

◆ Amount the province allows loggers to cut: \$70 million metres³.

◆ Amount by which the actual cut exceeds the sustainable level: 37 percent (in some areas of B.C., the sustainable cut is exceeded by 300 percent).

Sources: Sierra Legal Defense Fund, New America Foundation, Le Devoir, B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union.

Dear Wm Nicholls

As per our telephone conversation several weeks ago: here is the poem my daughter wrote about herself. We hope it provides some help for Cree pre-teens with self identity.

Thank you very much.

Submitted by her Mom, Kathleen Meloche Masty

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I'm fat

I'm skinny

I'm cool

I'm myself

I'm pretty

I'm nice

I'm Indian

I'm brown

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All I'm me.

By Sarah Masty

age 11 ½

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INQUIRY SOUGHT INTO OKA SPYING CHARGES

A Mohawk grand chief is calling for an inquiry into a report that Canada targeted Mohawk communities with a spying operation during the Oka Crisis of 1990.

The Nation reported in February that a secretive Canadian government intelligence agency spied on the Mohawks from an Oka-area hotel, according to a former Canadian intelligence officer.

"I'm really surprised to find that out. It is disturbing. It is troubling," said Grand Chief James Gabriel of Kanehsatake.

"It's worthwhile looking into whether that in fact has ended. There has to be accountability by these organizations to the public," he told *The Nation*.

Fred Stock, who worked for Canada's Communications Security Establishment, told *The Nation* that the agency set up a listening post during the crisis to monitor Mohawk communications.

Stock said the operation was illegal. The agency collects signals intelligence — spying on satellite communications, email, phone calls and the like — but is prohibited by law from monitoring the communications of Canadians.

A CSE spokesman refused to comment on the allegations, but insisted the agency does not spy on Canadians.

Other Mohawks said the allegations don't surprise them. They said Kahnawake and Kanehsatake were targeted by a variety of surveillance operations for several years after the 78-day armed standoff ended.

Kanehsatake resident Ellen Gabriel, who served as a spokeswoman for the barricaded Mohawks,

said she got a notice from the Quebec Justice Ministry after the crisis, saying her phones had been tapped.

She kept getting the notices year after year until 1995 or 1996, she said.

Gabriel wasn't the only one. She said at least four other community members got the same notices until the mid-1990s.

"People thought we were paranoid. But now we know we had a reason to be paranoid that our privacy was being invaded," she said. "And for what? We were speaking the truth."

Gabriel said she felt "indignant" and "very invaded" when she got the notices.

"There was no reason for me to be monitored other than that my face was public," she said.

Gabriel said there were other kinds of surveillance, too.

After the crisis, Kanehsatake residents often spotted police officers sitting in unmarked cars, pointing small satellite dishes at homes, she said. When residents approached the vehicles, the officers would quickly drive away.

The community also discovered at least three community members — and possibly more — were recruited as informers for the police. Gabriel said the informers were easily uncovered in the close-knit village.

"Not much gets past people in this community. Some of them were pretty blatant about it," she said.

The heavy surveillance took its toll on community members, leading to emotional stress and a siege

by Alex Roslin

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Gun law being boycotted?

The Canadian Alliance says there is a "near total boycott" of the new federal gun-license system by Aboriginal people.

But the right-wing party's numbers are being called into question.

Alliance MP Garry Breitkreuz, an almost fanatical opponent of the new gun law, says only 5 percent of Aboriginal gun owners have a gun license and are compliant with the law.

"That is a horrendous rate of non-compliance. It shows a complete disdain for the gun registry by Aboriginals," he said in a press release.

Breitkreuz's number is based on some bizarre calculations, but it looks like he might be partly right -- many Crees haven't gotten licenses.

As evidence for his allegation, Breitkreuz points to the small number of people who have applied for an exemption from the license fee.

Sustenance hunters don't have to pay the fee when they get the new license, which came into effect Jan. 1.

Only 2,779 sustenance hunters have got the exemption so far.

Meanwhile, Breitkreuz estimated that 51,000 to 72,000 Aboriginal households have at least one gun.

So he figured this means only about 5 percent of Native people are complying with the law.

This argument is flawed for several reasons, points out David Austin, spokesman for the Canadian Firearms Centre.

First, many Aboriginal people are not sustenance hunters, and so they don't qualify for the exemption in the first place. Second, the exemption is open to both Native and non-Native sustenance hunters.

Another consideration is that many Aboriginal gun owners still have valid Firearms Acquisition Certificates.

Only when your FAC expires do you have to get the new gun permit. That means many people haven't applied for the exemption because they don't need to yet.

Austin said the firearms centre doesn't

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OJ. hosts speaking contest

Ouje-Bougoumou hosted the annual public-speaking contest on March 13.

The contestants were the winners of contests in each community.

The winners in the Cree language contest were: Nathalia Happyjack (1st place), Rebecca Otter (2nd) and Manuel Icebound (3rd).

The English-language winners were: Hillary Kitchen (1st), Marceline Happyjack (2nd) and Abraham Icebound (3rd).

The French-language winners were: Désirée Blacksmith (1st), Nathalie Ottereyes (2nd) and Hillary Icebound (3rd).

Congratulations to all participants.

Moses and Mukash to address summit

Grand Chief Ted Moses and Deputy Grand Chief Matthew Mukash will be among the speakers at the Second Peoples' Summit of the Americas. Matthew Coon Come, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, may also attend.

The so-called alternative summit is to be held April 17 to 21 in Quebec City. It will overlap the Summit of the Americas of April 20 to 22, at which 34 heads of state will gather. The government leaders are meeting to talk about creating the Free Trade Area of the Americas.

Some 25,000 protesters and 6,000 cops are also expected in the city, much of which has been fenced off as a no-go zone.

Hydro profit tops \$1B, foreign sales double

Hydro-Quebec is celebrating over news that the utility's profit topped \$1 billion for the first time in its history last year.

Hydro had a net profit of \$1.08 billion in 2000, 19 percent higher than in 1999.

Half of the profit is given directly to the Quebec government.

Total revenues at Hydro-Quebec also increased by 19 percent, from \$9.6 billion to \$11.4 billion.

The rising profits and revenues were attributed to Quebec's strong economy.

Also, foreign electricity sales more than doubled, and were at \$2.4 billion.



Inside Smally Brien's new pool hall in Mississauga.

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mentality, Gabriel said. "It wears you down. People start taking it out on each other. They call it low-intensity warfare."

Kenneth Deer, editor of Kahnawake's *Eastern Door* newspaper, said he wasn't surprised to hear Fred Stock's allegations.

Deer said he, too, got a "polite letter" from after the crisis informing him his phone had been tapped.

He said the letter was especially strange because the tapping started on June 20. That was the day he left for Geneva to act as the barricaded Mohawks' representative to the United Nations.

"It was a very curious phone-tap. To me it was a political phone-tap," he said. "A lot of people got that letter."

Deer also said he was followed when he got to Geneva. He noticed a man on foot and a red car that appeared to be tailing him on separate occasions.

Deer took a nonchalant attitude to being followed. "I didn't care because I wasn't doing anything wrong. Being followed didn't bother me," he said.

"It just shows that someone — and I suspect Canada — was awfully nervous."

Deer was more concerned about the heavy police surveillance of Kahnawake in the years after the crisis.

One of the results of this, he said, was that hundreds of Mohawks got stopped on frivolous traffic violations. "It was harassment."

Gun law..

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keep figures on compliance among specific groups, like Native people. He said about 2 million Canadians have registered out of an estimated 2.3 million gun owners — a compliance rate of 87 percent.

But one Cree trapper official said it's true many Crees haven't applied for the new gun permit: "There's a lot. People don't know how to go about it. They don't know about the law."

"(Many hunters) are in the bush most of the time. They don't read the paper. It's not that they're against the law. They don't know about the law," he said.

Last fall, Crees and other First Nations predicted that many Native gun owners wouldn't get licenses in time. Some First Nations are completely against the licensing system, and vow to fight it in court.

In January, Mohawk officials said the law would not have any force in their territory.

Austin said his centre was informed that one of the first people — if not the first person — arrested under the new law was a Native man in northern Ontario. He is being accused of having a gun without a permit.

If he is charged with a summary offence, he faces up to six months in jail and up to \$2,000 in fines. If charged with an indictable offence, he faces up to five years in jail.

Told by Job Kawapit

Achaanwaapush (Cannibal Rabbit) was an evil creature. He killed people when he came upon them. Of course, everyone feared him. As the legend goes, there was Bear, his wife and their two children. During the day, Bear man was off hunting and Bear woman was at the camp with her children.

All of a sudden, Achaanwaapush walked into their lodge. Bear woman knew immediately who he was. She was in fear. But Achaanwaapush called, "You are my daughter and I'm your father." She was so scared that she agreed. Achaanwaapush picked up the Bear children, adoring them and giving them attention. He said, "Daughter, make your lodge bigger so I can move in. I will sleep with my grandchildren at night." She agreed and did what he ordered. She hollowed out the snow to make their lodge bigger. When she finished, Achaanwaapush entered and that's how he began to live with the Bear family. Bear man returned from hunting and Bear woman explained, "My father has arrived." The Bear family lived with Cannibal Rabbit.

Achaanwaapush slept with the Bear children at night. The children slept on either side of him and he acted like he was really showing them love as grandchildren. One night he thought, "If I kill my grandchildren, I'd be eating bear meat in the morning." He turned to one of the Bear children and suffocated him. The Bear child couldn't breathe and Achaanwaapush killed him. After killing the first, he turned to the other and began to suffocate him and killed the second Bear child. He killed both his grandchildren.

At the first light of dawn, Achaanwaapush began to cry. He acted like he just realized that the Bear children were dead. While sobbing, he called to his daughter to wake up and said, "Daughter, my late grandchildren had gotten cold during the night." The Bear woman made the fire and checked on her children. Both her children were not breathing anymore. Bear woman and Bear man were really upset. Achaanwaapush pretended to cry and wail, copying the parents. During the day as Achaanwaapush and the Bear people were mourning their dead children, Achaanwaapush said, "Daughter, move away. Move our camp to a different place. I will bury my grandchildren." Achaanwaapush kept on crying. The Bears got ready for their journey and left.

As soon as the Bear couple were out of sight, Achaanwaapush grinned and said to himself, "I'll be eating bear meat now." He dragged the Bear children's bodies away to the side of a nearby hill covered with willows. This was where he began to butcher the bear children. He ran away with the pieces of bear meat and took the pieces in different directions. His paths were really well trodden. The Bear couple moved their camp only a little ways. They waited for him but he didn't come. The Bear man said to his wife, "I wonder why your father is taking so long, since he's not coming back." Long into the night, Achaanwaapush didn't go

to the children's lodge.

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Indian Affairs Minister Robert Nault Visits Eeyou Istchee



Left to right: MP Guy St. Julien, Federal Negotiator Jean Gange, Grand Chief Dr. Ted Moses, the Honourable Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Robert Nault, Mistissini Chief John Longchap, Mistissini Band Councilor Thomas Neeposh and GCCEI Executive Director Bill Namagoose

After meeting with Ted Moses Indian Affairs Minister Robert Nault accepted an invitation to visit two Cree communities on April 6 and 7. His first stop was in Chisasibi where he looked at the sick and overcrowded housing problems. He also officially opened the fire and police station. During his visit a band of friendly and peaceful protesters showed up. Nault took things calmly and talked to the crowd. He pledged \$2.1 million towards more housing. Chisasibi was happy to hear this news and it was off to Chibougamau where Nault would have an informal supper with the Cree chiefs.

The next day I managed to catch up to the Minister as he was visiting Mistissini and quickly latched on to the tour. Part of the tour included a trip to two traplines. The first was Charlie Coon/Blacksmiths. The family had prepared donuts and tea for us. CTA President Thomas Coon showed Nault the furs that Charlie had trapped explaining that trapping normally slowed down at this time of year due to mating season. Charlie pointed out that the forestry operations were driving animals away from his trapline. Nault could understand as we had seen the devastation from the air. One of Nault's advisers, Greg Gauld, brought a beaver pelt straight from Charlie. When Charlie was asked how much he deferred to Thomas Coon, a price was set at \$40. I was almost tempted to ask Charlie if he thought Gauld was the new Glenn Spears. Gauld told me the pelt would make a great souvenir of the trip. Minister Nault was shown the tamarack punk used to tan hides. It would be the start of his look at traditional Cree life. Our next stop was at Jimmy Gunner's camp. I almost thought I was back on the trail again when I saw him and Gordon Petawabano. Gunner's dog Sexy came up to Nault wagging his tail. That dog, Nault was told, had led the way across Eeyou Istchee on the long journey from Whapmagoustui to Mistissini.

Gunner showed the Minister how the dogs were hooked up to the toboggans. Rob Frelich of Indian Affairs brought some moose meat. He said he loved the stuff. It's nice to know the boys from Indian Affairs appreciate country food as much as we do. At Jimmy's camp both Frelich and Gauld got a chance to try out a Cree outhouse. I refrained from asking for or making a comment at this point. One comment that I did get later from Nault was that the trips to the camps were the highlight of his trip and that he had enjoyed being in the bush.

Then we boarded the plane and went back to a community meal with beaver, moose and other fine fare courtesy of Mistissini.

Moses said that he was glad that Nault had a chance to see that the Cree way of life was alive and viable. He said that talks with Nault were promising and he was glad that he got a chance to see the effects that forestry and overcrowded and sick housing had on the Crees. Moses said he would be pursuing a new relationship with Ottawa and would be looking at unfinished business concerning the JBNQA. Moses said he wants Cree communities to be developed according to Cree needs and desires.

Mistissini Chief John Longchap said it was a privilege and honor to have Nault visit Mistissini. He said that Elders have taught us respect is the Cree way.

Nault in his speech said, "When Elders are actively involved it shows something about a community." He was surprised at the amount of Elders and how they are involved in the daily life of the communities he visited. "It says there is respect," he said. He thanked the Cree for giving him the chance to be on the land. "When I was visiting the trappers I wished I was there. I would rather be there than in Ottawa," he said. Nault said he understood the traditional lifestyle and enjoyed listening to the trappers. "It was an important trip and worth it for me and my staff.



Nault getting a fox pelt from Mistissini. It was from Charlie Blacksmith's camp.

I'm here because I want to build a relationship. I'm not going to sign something without honoring it," he said. Nault said he would be back in Eeyou Istchee.

Later I had a chance to talk to Grand Chief Ted Moses about the trip.

The Nation: Were you responsible for Minister Nault visiting the Cree communities?

Grand Chief Ted Moses: Yes, it happened back in one of the briefing meetings. I only had about an hour to go over some of the Cree concerns. The Minister had asked me how things were going. He offered to meet and go over in more detail the concerns we were discussing. We tried to get a meeting going in the fall but it wasn't possible then the elections came around. In January we got an indication that the Minister was prepared to see me in April. I said it was too far down the line. I offered an informal dinner, a one on one between myself and the Minister in Ottawa. That happened and we talked for about three hours. We decided that the meeting shouldn't be with just me but include two of the Cree communities. We talked about a one day trip but agreed it wasn't enough. One day is just barely enough time to go up and make an announcement so we agreed to two. That's how the trip came about. I decided it should show two largest communities to show the scale of the Crees and the circumstances in which we live.

What was the objective of the trip?

It was to have the ministry see the moldy houses and the overcrowding. We visited a few places. It was also to see the communities from the perspective of self-government. The Crees are the first ones to have self-government recognized. With the resources we can make it work and without them it won't work.

Another commitment under the Agreement was that development in the territory would result in jobs and that hasn't happened in the communities.

We also talked about the Cree Trappers Association and implementing that part of the Agreement. We included them by showing a couple of camps on the trapline with different trappers. This was so the Minister could have an appreciation of the way of life that still exists and the needs for an organization like the CTA to help coordinate services and programs for these trappers.

At the same time on the way to the camps we got an aerial view of the extent of forestry operations and the clear-cutting. We could see the extent and how it was encroaching on the way of life for the trappers. You could see it was just a matter of time before it was all clear-cut.

The Minister had a chance to meet the Cree people, talk to chiefs and people and go on a trapline. He talked to people who lived in moldy houses that were overcrowded.

We saw some three and four bedroom houses where each room had a family unit staying in them. There were two or three beds, a television, a radio and a dresser in one corner. It was obvious that there was more than one person staying there in the room.

I noticed that the Minister promised 2.1 million towards housing in Chisasibi, was that beyond normal allocations?

Yes. The 2.1 million is what the Minister called the Emergency Fund. I guess they established this fund across the country for situations like this. That doesn't address the problems of overcrowding and moldy housing.

Do you feel the trip was a success?

Yes definitely. The Minister went away with a good feeling having met the people. He did say he wanted to continue to work with me. He said he wants to work on a new relationship. He wants to have a round table to work on some of the outstanding issues facing the Cree that have been outstanding for a long time.

Do you see hope for a better relationship with the Federal Government?

I think so. There is still the bureaucracy which thinks differently. The difficult thing, even though we get a commitment from the Minister, is that it will take months for the bureaucracy to act or it might even go in another direction entirely. It's unfortunate.

I think with this trip there will be a better understanding between the Minister and the Crees when we sit down at the table. After 25 years no non-Aboriginal group in Canada would accept such a situation as the Crees have endured. Don't expect that after a quarter of a century the Crees are going to sit back and do nothing. We respected our obligations and we expect them to honor theirs. We have many challenges and we have a young population coming up that want a decent life.



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Diamonds In The Rough?

by BRIAN ZELNICKER

In the film *Diamonds Are Forever*, Sean Connery was the ever-suave 007 once again globetrotting from one exotic location to another, in a life and death quest for stolen diamonds and yet another evil genius hellbent on global destruction and control. Jill St. John provided the plunging neckline and expanding cleavage, while South Africa, Amsterdam, and Las Vegas gave us the de rigueur backdrops for murder, mayhem, and money. If the film were re-shot today, who could imagine Wemindji as the scene of high speed car chases, grisly murders, and gratuitous romps in the hay?

Could Wemindji be the center of a diamond rush in northern Quebec? According to a recent press release from Majescor Resources Incorporated, the largest permit holder for diamonds in the James Bay area, high priority geophysical targets have been identified on their Wemindji diamond property. On the heels of diamond discoveries in the Northwest Territory with the lucrative Ekati diamond mine, the mere mention of diamond exploration in Canada's north can set alarm bells ringing.

Andre Audet, President of Majescor, is very encouraged by the findings in the Wemindji area. Majescor developed out of mining giant Virginia Gold as a diamond arm of the company. Virginia Gold had been doing exploration in the Wemindji area and discovered diamond indicator minerals. "Virginia Gold made the initial discovery then sold their data base to Majescor," said Audet.

When asked about environmental testing, Audet informed me that Majescor is not at the development stage of operations, but at the earliest levels of exploration and have not begun drilling to see what lies beneath the surface. Drilling is expected to commence in the summer. According to Audet, the environmental hazards of diamond mining are less than other mined elements, like nickel and copper, since diamonds are not associated with sulfides. So far, the company has found kimberlite fragments, indicator minerals on the surface. Drilling has to be conducted in order to find the source.

Though Audet remains optimistic, diamond exploration is an expensive and high risk business and the chances of finding diamonds can be as low as one in a thousand. Audet is confident that they will find diamonds in northern Quebec, since the province "has the right geology, but to find an economical pipe (one which must contain a certain value to warrant development) will take many years of work."

Jean-Francois Ouellette is a Rouyn-Noranda based consulting geologist who has been carrying out exploration for Majescor. He informed me that Majescor holds permits on category 2 land, about 30-50 kms. east of Wemindji. He works

with small crews of two or three men and hires local Crees to help him collect samples in the bush. At this very early stage of exploration they are simply using hand shovels to collect no more than about 20 kgs. of samples at a time. Letters are sent to chiefs and economic development officers explaining the companies intent in an effort to avoid conflict. "We check with the owners of trap lines, even in category 3 land," Ouellette said.

Ouellette provided technical information, explaining that kimberlite comes from 200m below the surface and that diamonds are found 150-200m below surface. Kimberlite pipes act like escalators that bring diamonds closer to the surface. Even if a kimberlite pipe is found, it still has to be determined whether or not it is a feasible source for a diamond mining operation. The risks are high and the costs are exorbitant.

"Before any mining development can take place there are many environmental issues and procedures that have to be addressed. Guaranteed money has to be set aside to clean up the mining site and rehabilitate the land. Even if the company goes broke, adequate funds must be in place to return the land to its former state."

Jim MacLeod- Mississini Geological Centre

World diamond giant De Beers has a big operation in Attawapiskat, on the west coast of James Bay, where they are ready for a feasibility study. Feasibility studies for a diamond mine can cost as much as start-up expenses for a gold mine - approximately \$50 million, while the start up costs for a diamond mine can run up to a billion dollars. There are only 8-12 operating mines in the entire world.

Should Majescor get lucky and find diamonds early on in their exploration and develop a mine, which I'm informed will take a minimum of three to five years, the environmental side-effects would include a big hole in the ground, roads that would have to be created, and a mill that would have to be built close to the site. The size of the mine is determined by the size of the kimberlite pipe, usually around 500m in width.

"We're well aware of Majescor being in the region," says Tony Gull, Wemindji's E.D.O.

"Majescor have to make the community, especially trappers, aware of the nature of their exploration," adds Gull.

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Nault Comes to Eevou Istchee



The Honorable Minister Robert Nault addresses friendly protest in Chisasibi accompanied by Chief Violet Pachanos and Grand Chief Ted Moses

Mr. Nault toured the Cree communities of Chisasibi and Mistissini on April 6 and 7. He officially opened the Chisasibi Firehall and Police Station, met with the Elders in the traditional Elders Lodge and toured the hospital and school. In Mistissini he visited a bush camp, was briefed on the Cree forestry fight and met with the council to discuss community development. Accompanied by the Federal Negotiator, Mr. Jean Gagné, the Minister toured over-crowded housing conditions in both communities and in Chisasibi saw the houses contaminated with toxic moulds. The Minister committed to continue to work with the Grand Council to resolve the problems of housing, community development and employment. He committed \$2.1 million as a special contribution to the Chisasibi housing problems and noted that his negotiator would continue to work on the problems of community development in the context of the discussions on the implementation of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement.



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"We're there to make the community aware of what's up. We get press releases and letters. Information is then filtered through the council."

There are environmental concerns about the ripple effect on trap lines, hunting grounds, and animal habitats in the region. Exploration is minimal right now. There's been no major impact to this point and no big decisions are yet required by the community. "We are cautiously educating ourselves about mining," says Gull.

Wemindji has formed its own service company for exploration, Wemex. The aboriginal-owned company is possibly the only one of its kind in Canada. Wemex services mining companies in doing exploration and provides an opportunity for Native people to gain education and experience in the field. They provide information through their web site, Wemex.ca. There is potential for many employment opportunities in mining exploration since there is speculation that northern Quebec is a hotbed of untapped mineral resources.

"There's room for our people to get involved," adds Gull, "we're focused on education and training in the field (geologists, geo-physicists). At the exploration stage there is only so much to be done. We try to keep up to date and create contacts. When it comes to mining you have to pay attention to what has happened elsewhere and learn from it. We need to balance economic development with environmental concerns. We have to respect our traditional way of life, such as the hunting grounds."

Jim Macleod, of the Mistissini Geological Resource Center, discussed the issue of environmental concerns. "Before any mining development can take place there are many environmental issues and procedures that have to be addressed. Guaranteed money has to be set aside to clean up the mining site and rehabilitate the land. Even if the company goes broke, adequate funds must be in place to return the land to its former state. This stipulation applies to exploration as well as development." The resource center has been pro-active in communicating with the Cree Trapper's Association to keep open channels of information between the trappers and the mining companies.

When asked about the current staking rush, Jim informed me that the laws have recently been changed. "In the past one had to travel into the bush to stake out a claim, but the government now allows map staking, which makes it much easier for companies to have access to mineral rights." One unfortunate side-effect of this change in the staking policy is that the Crees, who were known as the best stakers, have lost out on a good source of part-time employment and income.

Lac Rocher staking claims alone meant some \$300,000 to the Cree who were hired to help companies stake claims. Now all one has to do is get on-line and map stake through their computer. Money for permits now goes directly to the government and the Cree have been cut out as middlemen. The

downside is two-fold for the Cree: more land will be staked by outside interests, and less money will be coming into the communities through lucrative part-time employment.

Tom Wadden, Wemindji's treasurer, is decidedly less keen on the prospect of mining, even if economic benefits were offered to local communities. "Wemex has staked quite a few claims in category one lands, including some of the islands, to protect ourselves," said Tom. Having been born in a mining area in Cape Breton, Tom has seen the worst side of mining. "It's not a pretty sight after they close a mine. It takes years and years for the land to recover. Even if diamond mining is not as harmful as other forms, it still leaves a big hole in the ground."

Due to a wealth of untapped resources, Cree area and Inuit lands are the last places to be explored and developed. Geological surveys suggest that much mineral wealth is to be found in northern Quebec. Tom believes that, "Beavers should be the only ones to build dams and we shouldn't be digging up Mother Earth either, that's gopher territory."

"Majescor has been good about advising us, but little information comes in from most companies. We often find out only after roads have been put through. Communications could be better. It's a question of respect. Companies should inform the tallymen before doing anything. That is our way."

Though much recent hype has been generated about the possibility of diamond finds in the James Bay area, it would be hasty at this point to hit the panic button. Though Majescor is excited about its findings, it is also a public company that must concern itself with creating interest to sell shares on the Montreal stock exchange, where it trades under MAJ. While a major find may yet be in the offing, percentages remain low for hitting the big time, and even if they should strike it rich, they are several years and a billion dollars away from actually developing a mine. Diamonds may be forever, according to 007, but you have to find them first.

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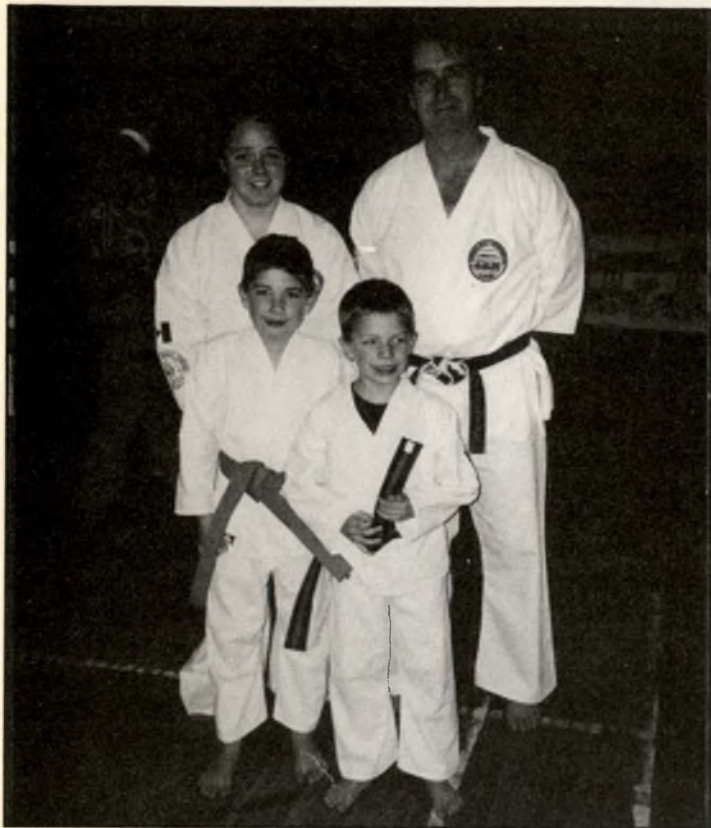
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SPORTS *Youngest Cree Black Belt*



Sensei Frank Verbakel and assistant, Izaak with green belt & Jordan with black

Jordan Lucas Wapachee is undoubtedly the youngest person we have ever heard of to get a black belt. Jordan and his older brother Izaak love karate. They study Shorin-Ryu style of Japanese karate from Okinawa. Aside from regular karate and martial arts training each week, they study kobudo (Okinawan weaponry) and kumite (sparring) every other week. They attend the Bonsai Martial Art Schools in Elora, Ontario under the tutelage of Sensei Frank Verbakel, a 2nd degree Black Belt. On Thursday, December 7th 2000 in front of the Yondan, the head instructor, their dojo shodan (teacher), and their peers, both Izaak and Jordan tested for their belts.

For Jordan, a six-year old Cree from Mississauga, it was the end of Little Dragons and the beginning of another journey. Having spent countless hours in a dojo per week, additional classes in weapons and weekends for special kumite training sessions and finally 15-20 minutes every day practicing katas at home, it was a moment of great triumph when he received his black belt. His brother Izaak received three stripes on his blue/black belt.

Below are the youngsters statistics.

Jordan Lucas Wapachee

Born: March 18, 1994

Godparent: Raymond Menarick

December 5th, 2000: After earning 3 stripes on his Brown Belt for different katas learned, Jordan tested in front of his karate instructors, peers and spectators for his final belt. He performed three

different katas with approximately 30 body/hand/step movements in each kata plus one demonstration of competency in weapons: his choice...the Bo staff.

December 12th, 2000: Received at a club dinner his Junior Dragons Black Belt.

To date: Started with a white belt in karate 2 ½ years ago. Spends 2-3 hours per week in a dojo. Practices 15-20 minutes every day at home.

Other hobbies or sports: Plays Pre-Novice hockey as centre and defence. Reads music and plays piano. Level 4 swimmer at the local YMCA. B+ average in grade 1 at a local French school. Has one brother whom he loves and plays with on their farm in Elora, Ontario.

Izaak Bally Wapachee

Born: August 30, 1991

Godparent: John Philip Bosum

December 5th, 2000: After earning 3 stripes on his Blue/Black Belt, Izaak tested in front of his karate instructors, peers and spectators for another new belt level.

December 12th, 2000: received at a club dinner his Youth Green Belt

Performed 4 different katas with approximately 40 body/hand/step movements in each kata plus one demonstration of competency in weapons: his choice...the nunchaku.

To-date: Started karate 3 years ago. Spends a minimum of 3 hours per week in a dojo. Practices with brother 15-20 minutes every day at home.

Other hobbies or sports: Plays Novice Select AA hockey as defence. Reads music and plays piano/synthesizer. Level 6 swimmer at the local YMCA. Read Harry Potter: The Goblet of Fire in one week and still waiting eagerly...completed Youth Computer and Science classes at the University Guelph. An A average in grade 4 at a local French school.



Izaak demonstrates the splits the hard way. How many of you can do it?

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Communities First: First Nations Governance

The Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Robert Nault recently wrote to Chiefs and Councils introducing the First Nations Governance initiative and inviting them to participate in the process.

We'd like to share some of his recent comments with you...

"Consultation is extremely important with First Nations leadership and communities, but the way we consult is the way we did it 50 years ago – it's time we came up with some solutions using the Internet, telecommunications, video-conferencing, TV and the print media to work with each other to come to some understanding of what First Nations governance legislation will look like."

“Economic development, hand-in-hand with good governance, are two key components of our efforts to extend opportunity across this country.”

Informal talks have begun about how to reach you and ask you to share your thoughts on how you would like to see your community run. Details will follow shortly about this consultation process, which will include face-to-face discussions, the telephone and Web site.

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April 20, 2001

FEELING LEFT OUT

BY XAVIER KATAQUAPIT

I had the opportunity to visit Ottawa recently. I am always happy to spend a little time in the nation's capital. It is a beautiful city and our Parliament Buildings are an awesome sight to say the least.

During this visit I took a tour through the Parliament buildings. I was very disappointed at the exclusion of First Nations people in our national government buildings. Other peoples are featured in the Parliament buildings in name, image, sculpture and painting. Our tour guide pointed out all of the different provinces and territories represented. She also provided a history of the formation of Canada with the focus on lumber, mines, fishing and farming.

Just about everybody you could think of is cast in stone and etched into the history of Canada on the walls of these buildings. Amazingly, there is almost no mention of the First Nations peoples that were here long before Canada became a nation.

When I asked the young tour guide why there was such an obvious exclusion of Native people, she blushed and told me she did not know how this had come to be. Well, the truth of the matter is that when all the different business and governmental people decided to carve up this enormous land and establish it as Canada, First Nations people were ignored. The terrible fact is that these people did not consider First Nations people as human beings. We were considered less than human.

The crazy thing is that without us Canada would never have been developed. If any people in this country should be recognized it should be First Nations people. For God's sake, Canada is a First Nation, word, as is Ottawa.

I can't believe that Members of Parliament have not decided to act and make some room in these buildings for major representation for First Nations people. For example, in the Senate Chamber on the ceiling there is representation of the so-called original cultures that created Canada. It would be easy to find room for some symbolic representation of First Nation people.

There are also dozens of images and paintings of all kinds of dignitaries that in some way or another contributed to the development of the country. I did not see one painting, photo or any type of image of First Nations people.

With a visit to the Parliament buildings you would conclude that First Nations people never existed. Yet, all of the fancy craft stores in downtown Ottawa are filled with First Nations arts and crafts. Canada promotes the image of First Nations people to attract tourism. It is shameful that no one has stepped forward to lobby for greater recognition of First Nations people in the nation's most revered and prestigious collection of buildings.

I wonder how serious the government of Canada really is when politicians talk about including First Nations people in the country, when we have never been recognized as part of Canada in the country's historical showcase. I left my tour of the Parliament buildings with a bad feeling. I hope that the government of Canada will acknowledge its responsibility and provide a major representation of First Nations people in our Parliament buildings. First Nations people have a place in Canada.



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BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish my dad a Happy 40th something birthday (lost track) on the 4th of April. Happy Birthday! and Love always; your daughter Brenda-Rose and grand-daugh Patricia and Tara-Lynn. (Dooda, meen-agoowe hambedaw ski-doo Pleeaassee!)

Birthday Greetings going out to a wonderful Baby sister Ms.Laura Wapachee...Happy 19th Birthday and many more wonderful birthdays to come...Take goood care of yourself! Love always: Sis Brenda-Rose

We would like to wish our bratty auntie Laura Wapachee a happy birthday. Thankx auntie for all the love and care that you have shown us...We wonder what it would be like without aunties in the world...Duh! ja-sisgaday-dagoon...Thank God for bratty aunties like the ones we have!!!LOL From; your wonderful, well-behaved nieces of yours, Valeriesh, Patricia and Tara-Lynnsh

Happy birthday to you !Jimmy Bearskin April 5, love you and miss youBetsy B. Scipio April 7, Happy goose plucking

Queenie Napash April 7, Ride the wind! How old are you?Charmaine Bearskin April 11, See ya Later girl!Cherubine Martin Sealhunter April 19, Love you and wish you a good one! Clarence House April 21,Happy Birthday to all of you, and we hope you all have a happy one too!We will see you all in the Summer Time and have a safe goose break. We miss you all and I will keep in touch!P.S Charmaine don't party too much! From Sylvia and Robert in North Bay!

I would like to wish to my wonderful grand-father Oscar a happy 55th birthday on april 30.Because it's your birthday, I'll let you eat

my nose all you want !Your baby Jade. I love you XXXXXXXXX

We would like to wish my dad a Happy 40th something birthday (lost track) on the 4th of April. Happy Birthday! and God Bless you.Love always; your daughter Brenda-Rose and grand-daughters Valeriesh Patricia and Tara-Lynn. (Dooda, meen-agoowe hambedaw ski-doo Pleeaassee!)

Birthday Greetings going out to a wonderful Baby sister Ms.Laura Wapachee...Happy 19th Birthday and many more wonderful birthdays to come...Take goood care of yourself! Love always: Sis Brenda-Rose

We would like to wish our bratty auntie Laura Wapachee a happy birthday. Thankx auntie for all the love and care that you have shown us...We wonder what it would be like without aunties in the world...Duh! ja-sisgaday-dagoon...Thank God for bratty aunties like the ones we have!!!LOL From; your wonderful, well-behaved nieces of yours, Valeriesh, Patricia and Tara-Lynnsh

This birthday wish goes to a bright & beautiful girl. Elizabeth Bobbish. She's turning 8 on May 1st, 2001. Love always, Mom, Ron and Misty.

Birthday wishes to these people on April 5th, my sister-in-law Clara Kanatewat. April 17th, my cousin Thomas Wash. Two on April 21st, my brother John Kanatewat and my grandson Franklin Moar. And last but not least, my cousin Elizabeth Sealhunter on April 25th. Happy Birthday to you all and many many more! From Lorraine K. (Chris)

I would like to wish a very happy birthday to my little dar-

ling angel Shania Shecapio, who is turning 5 years old, it was just yesterday I held you in my arms and now look at you running around. Going off to school. You've grown so fast. I love you so much. Happy B-Day little one. Love, Mommy, Daddy & Shawan.

Happy Happy Birthday to Our Daddy Cool Andrew S. Daddy we love you so much and we miss you Allot, hope you miss us just the way we do. Love always, your sweet Angels, Shawan & Naya Shecapio.

Happy Birthday to my nephew Ben Cap, may many more to come in your future, save us a cake okay. And a Very Happy Anniversary to my sister Louise & Walter Cap, on April 23rd , B-Good-2-Each-Other. Always EBS.

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to our children. First to Wendall Crowe, Happy 6th Birthday on March 13th 2001 and Ceclie-ann Crowe, Happy 8th Birthday on April 8th 2001. We love you both very much. Love always, Mommy & Daddy Iris and George Crowe.

Our daddy Gordon Gunner celebrated his birthday on April 8th. We want you to know that we are very proud of you for completing the couples Journey 2001. Don't give up for what you want to achieve in your life whenever you feel down "PRAY TO GOD" for he will answer your prayers. Always remember daddy that we love you so much. Happy Birthday and many more to come. Love always, from your two boys: (as you always call us) Evander & Tyler Gunner. XOX
Gordon Gunner my husband cel-

ebrated his birthday on April 8th. I wanna thank you for the two beautiful boys we had together and also for completing with me and our new friends on the couples Journey 2001. Always remember that I'll be here for you whenever you need someone to talk to, I will listen. Let's not give up hope and let's not stop on our Wellness of Journey. Let's pray together, you and I both know that God answers prayers. Always keep in mind I have a special place for you and our boys in my heart. Happy Birthday & many more to come from love & prayers, you're wife Edith XOXOXO

Happy belated birthday to my sister Rebecca Bearskin on April 1st in Chisasibi. And alos Happy Birhtday to my brother Samson Matches on April 28th in Nemaska. To both of you take care of your children for I will do the same thing. I love you both and I hope to see you soon, from love always your sister in Mistissini, Edith Gunner XOX

We would like to wish our children a Happy Birthday. First to Victor Mataham, Happy belated Birthday on November 12th 2000, to Nathalie Mataham on December 12th 2000, to George Mataham on January 31st 2001, to John Moses on February 19th 2001, to Iris Crowe on March 1st 2001, to Wendy Moses on March 13th 2001. Happy Birthday to all of you and many more to come. We love you all very much. From Mom & Dad, Dorothy & Daniel.

Belated Birthday wishes to our Grandpa Jimmy Sam on April 20th 2001. Hope you enjoy your special day. Love always Christine, Duane & Jonathan XOXOXO

Roslyn Moses, Happy 10th

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2001. I hope I'll be there on his first birthday. I miss him so much even though he still don't understand. He'll always be my favorite nephew. And I hope I'll see him very soon. Also to my dad, a Happy Birthday on May 18th too. Love you both. From J.B.

I would like to wish a Happy Belated Birthday to my husband George Crowe. His birthday was on January 17th 2001. I'm so thankful to have you in my life, you're the best thing that ever happened to me. I love you very much and nothing or no one can keep us apart. I love you with all my heart. Love always, your wife Iris Crowe.

We would like to wish our parents, grandparents a Happy Birthday. Dorothy Mataham on March 25th 2001, Daniel Mataham on April 4th 2001, Beulah Crowe on April 9th 2001. Happy Birthday and may you have more birthdays. We love you all very much and we want to thank you all for always being there for us. And also we would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Wendy Moses, her birthday was on March 13th 2001, Nancy Crowe Cox on March 21st 2001. Happy Birthday and many more returns. From Iris and George Crowe, Ernie, Ceclie-ann, Wendall and Jordan.

ain best friends forever. I thank you for watching over us. Your presence is misses within us. But when our time comes, we will see each other in the other world. We love you. You will forever remain in our hearts.

Personals

We have some Spanish speaking people who would love to correspond with some of you if you can communicate in the language. If you desire to do so, please advise The Nation and we will transmit you their addresses. Thank you :

Hola, mi nombre es Niurla Acosta. Soy artisana, me gusta todo tipo de arte, la musica, etc. Soy soltera, tengo 36 anos, les hago llegar este anuncio, pues me gustaria mantener correspondencia y tener amistades por todo el mundo

Hola, mi nombre es Raquel C. Bames. Soy divorciada, tengo una nina de 8 anos y un nino de 5 anos a quienes adoro. Soy tecnico medio en programaciones de construcciones de todo tipo, mi edad es de 33 anos, me gusta todo tipo de arte, soy una muchacha muy romantica y muy sensual, une gustaria establecer correspondencia y tener amistades por todo el mundo. Si usted esta

interesado en conocerme, escriba me por favor.

Holaaa ! Mi nombre es Dalia Millar Torrens. Tengo 37 anos, complo 38 el 25 de octubre de este ano. Deseo establecer correspondencia y tener amistad des por todos los paises. Soy Lesviana, graduada de tecnico medio en sistemas telefonicos y de datos, trabajo operando una planta de radio, me gustan los viajes, la musica clasica y afrodisiaca, el baile, soy soltera, no tengo ninos. Si quierer mantener correspondencia conmigo y les fue de agrado mi anuncio, pues escribame.

To my ex-boyfriend in Mistissini. I'm lost without you as days go by, I think of you, the warmth of your touch and everything you do. I miss you truly. Why can't you see how much I love you and what you mean to me. The way you hug me you keep me safe. You made me happy deep down inside, you gave me strength, you gave me pride, you made me laugh and smile, your words soothed me and kept me protected. I don't regret anything that we had although it makes me sad, it hurts really bad.

I want you to know I cared about you with my heart, soul and mind. You were so loving, so caring and kind. I never forget the things we did but it's all over now, it's in the past. The love in my heart will always last. From your ex-girlfriend that still likes you but you can't see it. And I'm sorry for what I did to you XOXOXOXOXO

To a beautiful baby Girl in Waskaganish: So Precious and Belated Birthday wishes to our Grandpa Jimmy Sam on April 20th 2001. Hope you enjoy your special day. Love always Christine, Duane Happy 2nd Birthday to Nanay'sh (Eshgo) on March 28th 2001. Eshgo, we love you very very much. Have fun on your 2nd Birthday. Hugs & lots of kisses. Love, Christine & your two boyfriends Duane & Jonathan (Batman).

Birthday Greetings to my bro Duane on April 24th 2001. Happy 4th Birthday. I love you with all my little heart. From Gee, Gee, Batman, John-John. XOXOXO



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